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PASS TO SENATORS MANSFIELD AND GLENN

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SUBJECT: CODEL

1. SUMMARY. SNEATOR MIKE MANSFIELD'S VALEDICTORY VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES, OCT. 14-16, WENT OFF SMOOTHLY AND IN RELAXED FASHION. THE SENATOR AND MRS. MANSFIELD WERE WARMLY RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS. THE CODEL'S INTEREST FOCUSSED PRIMARILY ON THE MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. SENATOR MANSFIELD AND HIS PARTY WERE ACCORDED A GENUINE WELCOME BY THE MARCOSES AND OTHER PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS. AT THE OCTOBER 14 LUNCHEON AT MALACANANG PRESIDENT MARCOS PULLED OUT ALL STOPS IN HIS PRAISE FOR THE SENATOR AS A LONG-STANDING FRIEND AND SUPPORTER OF THE PHILIPPINES. THE SENATOR IN TURN SPOKE WARMLY AND ALMOST LOQUACIOUSLY OF PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP.

3. THE VISIT WAS GENERALLY LOW KEY, WITH MODEST PRESS COVERAGE. IN BRIEF INTERVIEW UPON ARRIVAL (PICKED UP BY THE LOCAL PRESS), SENATOR MANSFIELD SAID THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE OUTCOME OF THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TALKS WOULD BE CONCLUDED BEFORE TOO LONG. HE NOTED THAT THE BASES ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO PHILIPPINE AND AMERICAN SECURITY.

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4. THE EMBASSY BRIEFING COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TOPICS, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE CODEL A NUMBER OF BASIC BRIEFING DOCUMENTS WERE PROVIDED (TO NORVILL JONES). THE FOCUS OF THE CODEL'S INTEREST, HOWEVER, WAS ON THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS. DURING THE BRIEFING FRANK VALEO EXPRESSED A DEFINITE PREFERENCE FOR OUTRIGHT RENTAL IN LIEU OF A MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, A VIEW WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE TWO SENATORS. SENATOR GLENN, NORVILL JONES AND OTHER STAFF MEMBERS VISITED SUBIC AND CLARK BASES ON OCTOBER 15. SENATOR GLENN INDICATED TO US THAT HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE OPERATIONAL VALUE OF SUBIC AND THE NEED TO RETAIN THAT FACILITY. HOWEVER, THE SENATOR APPEARED TO HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT CLARK, QUESTIONING THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE BASE AND WHETHER 9,000 PERSONNEL WERE NOT EXCESSIVE TO THE NEED TO SERVICE SOME 60 AIRCRAFT.

5. CHINA WAS THE FOCUS OF SENATOR MANSFIELD'S DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS. THE SENATOR RESPONDED CIRCUMSPECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT'S QUESTIONS, LIMITING HIS COMMENTS TO TOPICS ON WHICH HE HAD SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND DECLINING TO SPECULATE ON SUCH ISSUES AS THE REPORTED ARREST OF MAO'S WIFE.

6. IN ALL, THE CODEL SEEMED SATISFIED WITH ITS BRIEF, RELATIVELY RELAXED BUT PRODUCTIVE VISIT HERE.
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